

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blitch, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hendley, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

### SPECIAL ORDERS.

Committee Substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44.

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the election of County Commissioners.

Was taken up—11 A. M. being set for consideration of the same

Mr. Harris moved that committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44 be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Harris withdrew the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Barber, Blitch, Broome, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Crosby, Dimick, Hendley, Hooker, McCaskill, McCreary, McLin, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Williams, Wilson—21.

Nays—Messrs. Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Myers, Roberts, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth—8.

So the committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44, having received the constitutional majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved.

That the rules be waived and that committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And committee substitute for Senate Joint Resolution No. 44 was so certified.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 39:

A bill to be entitled an act to settle the claims of certain transportation companies for transporting troops furnished by the government.

Was taken up, having been made a special order for today, and the bill was read the third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baker, Bynum, Carson, Chaires, Crill, Denham, Dimick, Fuller, Gaillard, Harris, Hooker, McCaskill, McLin, Myers, O'Brien, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth, Williams, Wilson—22.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Blitch, Broome, Crosby, McCreary, Palmer of 14th, Roberts—7.

So the bill passed title as stated.

Mr. Palmer, of the 11th, was excused from voting.

The President announced that the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Senate would now proceed to the election of a United States Senator.

Mr. Broome placed in nomination Hon. Samuel Pasco, which was seconded by Messrs. Harris and Crill.

Mr. McLin placed in nomination Hon. James P. Taliaferro and Mr. Carson seconded the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to vote for United States Senator.

Upon call of the roll the vote for United States Senator was as follows:

For James P. Taliaferro—Mr. President, Messrs. Barber, Carson, Chaires, Crosby, Dimick, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, McLin, Myers, Palmer of 11th, Reeves, Rogers, Sams, Wadsworth. Total, 16.

For Samuel Pasco—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Broome, Crill, Denham, Harris, McCaskill, McCreary, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Williams, Wilson. Total, 13.

For Wilkinson Call—Messrs. Bynum, Fuller—2.

The President announced that Hon. James P. Taliaferro had received a majority of all the votes cast in the Senate.

In explanation of his vote Mr. Fuller said:

Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

In deference to the wishes of a large number of voters of Manatee and DeSoto Counties, whom I have the honor to represent, I shall cast my vote today for a gentleman who

not my personal choice, and Mr. President, I will ask the indulgence of the Senate while I make a short explanation of this vote.

Something over two years ago a joint convention of DeSoto and Manatee Counties met in Braidentown for the purpose of nominating a representative to this body.

I had the honor to receive that nomination. But before my name was placed before that convention a committee was sent to me to ascertain my choice of the candidates for the United States Senate, this committee stating to me that the convention wished to know my choice before they voted for me. I stated to this committee, who so reported on the floor of the convention, that my choice was Colonel W. D. Chipley, and immediately afterwards my name was put in nomination and the next ballot I was nominated. At the following general election I was duly elected and at the same time petitions were circulated at the polls, asking voters to express a choice of candidates for the United States Senate.

On these petitions nearly three hundred and fifty voters in Manatee County expressed themselves in favor of the Hon. Wilkinson Call, and requested me to vote for him. But in view of the circumstances surrounding my nomination, as I have stated them, I felt that I was honorably bound to vote for Colonel Chipley, unless at least a majority of my constituents should instruct me to do otherwise—and as the number who requested me to vote for Mr. Call were not a majority even of the voters of Manatee County, to say nothing of DeSoto County, which is much the larger county of the two, my vote was given to Colonel Chipley.

But now, Mr President, knowing that Mr. Call is still the favorite of many in my district and being uninstructed and at liberty to use my judgment as to what is best, I feel that it is but just and fair at this time I should yield to the wishes of that large portion of my constituents whose wishes I could not comply with two years ago, and therefore Mr. President, although he is not my personal choice, I today cast my vote for the Hon. Wilkinson Call.

Mr. Palmer, of 14th, moved that Senate Bill No. 94, passed and certified to the House of Representatives yesterday be recalled.

Mr. Adams moved to lay the motion of the table;  
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.  
 Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

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 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names.

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| Mr. President,  | Messrs—    | Baker,          |
| Barber,         | Blitch,    | Broome,         |
| Bynum,          | Carson,    | Chaires,        |
| Crill,          | Crosby,    | Denham,         |
| Dimick,         | Fuller,    | Gaillard,       |
| Harris,         | Hendley,   | Hooker,         |
| McCaskill,      | McCreary,  | McLin,          |
| Myers,          | O'Brien,   | Palmer of 14th, |
| Palmer of 11th, | Reeves,    | Roberts,        |
| Sams,           | Wadsworth, | Wilson.         |
| Williams,       |            |                 |

Answering roll call—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the appointment of the following committee on the part of the Senate, under House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, as amended by the Senate:

Messrs. McLin, Hooker, and Bynum.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS  
 AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, introduced the following resolution:  
 Senate Resolution No. 9:

Resolved by the Senate, That the President and Commandant of Cadets of the Florida Agricultural College be and are hereby invited to visit the Capitol during the present session of the Legislature, with the cadets of that institution, and make such military exhibit as they may desire.

Mr. Palmer of 14th, moved the adoption of the resolution.  
 Which was agreed to.